

those references demonstrates the meaning of "monolayer," as would have been understood by one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the present application was filed. The Examiner is urged to consider the transmitted material, and to find that the references cited against the pending claims do not disclose, teach, or suggest a "monolayer," as that term would be understood by one of ordinary skill in the art.

Although Jenekhe discloses an embodiment having a "single layer of conductive polymer film" (col. 49, lines 17-19, and Fig. 8), there is no disclosure or suggestion in Jenekhe of a monolayer, as required by the present claims.

As previously noted, Traynor discloses a tractable powder, which is intrinsically and fundamentally distinguishable from a monolayer. Thus, Traynor does not disclose, suggest or teach a monolayer.

Since neither cited reference, alone or in combination, discloses a monolayer, suggests the formation of a monolayer, teaches how to construct a monolayer, or provides motivation for one of ordinary skill in the art to modify either reference to include a monolayer, and since the suggested combination would lack an element of the pending claims, there can be no *prima facie* case of obviousness. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections.

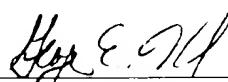
The Examiner was kind enough to grant the undersigned a telephone interview on November 14, 2001, in which he indicated that he had received the enclosed references presenting the ordinary meaning of "monolayer," and that he agreed that the cited references did not disclose that which would be understood as a monolayer. However, the Examiner further asserted that other references could be cited which would present further hurdles to the patentability of the present invention. The Examiner also indicated that the finality of the present rejection would be withdrawn, in the interest of presenting such references. Applicants respectfully request that the finality of the pending rejection be withdrawn, and any further references deemed to anticipate or make obvious the present invention be presented.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are allowable as they stand. Although no fees are believed to be due, please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050, with reference to Attorney Docket No. 02893-036001.

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